Some Practical Suggestions for Our have upon the crop of that plant. Agricultural Readers.

> BRIEF SEASONABLE HINTS. Fruits.

Fruit trees which have been recently trans- tory and beautiful of flowering bulbs. If a nothing better than partially-rotted stable tended. cool when it should be rather exposed to the last but one day, but as they are freely prowarming influence of the sun, which encour- duced in succession, this is no drawback. vances the covering will have a tendency of troduced of great beauty as a variety.

cause them to make a better growth. weakens trees; but when a tree is moved its | and the plants become sadly defaced. The between the roots and the top.

desired, some of the smallest fruits may be re- stand dry weather very well in good, deeplymoved. This can only be done well by hand, worked soil, and the variety of colors and size and is a tedious business, but those who have of flowers have been much improved of late practiced it find it a profitable operation, as it | years. adds to the value of the fruit far above the cost | Flower beds should be heed and the surface ning will be very satisfactory.

blighted branches is not commendable. The face has no beneficial effect. new shoots which follow this pruning are seltrees become so hadly blighted as to involve | will make a place look neat and attractive. the cutting away of all their branches; but all blighted twigs should be removed as soon as they are observed, and where this is persistenly followed the blight will not be found so formidable an evil as many persons would lead us to

Carrants - Current bushes are so much benefited by a coating of manure over their roots considered a necessary factor in their culture. The same may be said of the gooseberry; the want of moisture and nutriment during the vastly increase the value of the crops.

Raspberries.-The staking of raspberries is almost a thing of the past. Instead of being supported with stakes or wires, as formerly, the plants are so managed as to support themselves. This is accomplished by cutting off the tops of the young shoots or canes when they reach to a height of from two to three feet; this causes them to produce side shoots, which may also require stopping or cutting back later in the season. As soon as the fruit is gathered remove the shoots that produced it; these are of no further use, and their removal will allow the shoots of this year's growth to perfect stronger wood and fruit buds for the future crop. It is also necessary to keep all young suckers hoed down as they make their appearance, and thin out the shoots which are to be retained, allowing not more than four or five to remain. All this may be classed as fanciful treatment and a foolish waste of time and money by those who have not tried it; but we can vouch for it that if once tried it will never be abandoned for the let-alone system by those who value plenty of fine fruit.

Strauberries. On plantations which are to be kept for fruiting another year the soil between the rows should be well broken up and pulverized as soon as the crop is removed. A sharpfined cultivator should be employed; broadbladed implements only scratch the surface pers form remove them as effectually as practicable. Young plantations set out last spring should be carefully tended, the soil kept clean and friable, and all the runners kept cut off if the very best results are sought for. To get the largest yield of the best fruit, strawberry plants should be set from sixteen to twenty inches apart, and every runner taken off during the season. Under this treatment large clumps will be formed, heavily set with crowns or fruit buds in the fall, and will produce a to raise potted strawberry plants for fall planting, premium crop. Managed thus, we have seen and oblige, yours, &c.-Joel Wright, What Cheer, one hundred plants produce one hundred and lowa, ten quarts of berries.

farms, all vegetables should be planted so as to admit of culture with the plow and hoe-harrow. The best of all implements for such crops as parsnips, carrots, cabbages, &c., is the subsoil plow. These are made for one horse, the soil is that it facilitates the absorption of water; for this reason drained lands and lands

can be made good by transplanting. Previous this precaution. to removal, the young plants should be soaked with water, so that they can be withdrawn without injury to their roots. The ground should be loosened with a fork before planting, and if the weather is dry and hot, most of the leaves should be picked from the plants, which will diminish the demand upon the roots consequent upon large leaf surfaces. In the garden the digging fork may well take the place of the subsoil plow between the rows of crops.

after the shoots come up weak. This causes a cially for keeping green parsley during winter, poor crop the following season, and if persevered in for a few years the plants will "run out." The treatment of the plants during summer influences the crop of next year; therefore, applications of manure will be more therefore, applications of manure will be more George E., Vineland, N. J. effective if applied to the summer growth than | Ans. The cow pea, so-called, is a bean from in any other way or time. A dressing of bone | China : there are many varieties grown in the meal, at the rate of a ton to the acre, will help Southern States, any one of which will grow the plants wonderfully.

Cauliflower. Seeds of this vegetable sown plow under as green manure. now, and young plants set out in good soil as soon as they become strong enough and treated exactly like cabbage plants, will probably produce fine heads in the fall if not cut short in What can I do with it?-J. H. Hawkins, Portstheir growth by frost; but even if overtaken | mouth, Mich. by frost before heads are formed, they may be seen good heads taken out from under a cover- down the limbs; or, if in cultivated ground, ing of snow for a Christmas dinner.

Peas.-Except in cool climates, it is difficult grass. to maintain succession crops of green peas during summer. Nothing but the deepest and richest soils will produce good, tender peas in hot, dry summers. The plants mildew in dry weather; abundant waterings will be beneficial, but usually there are other crops which give better satisfaction and better returns

towards the middle of summer than peas. Brocoli. - This crop is not so much cultivated as it might be. It requires exactly the same treatment at cabbage, and towards fall forms heads similar to those of the canliflower. This, as well as all the cabbage family, require the best and richest soils to make a good crop. The Purple Cape Brocoli is a good-growing variety.

Tomatoes .- Here again, in respect to this crop, we have a variety of opinions with regard to their management. Some stake each plant, and thus carefully keep the fruits from con-

the best prices for his tomatoes. Sweet Polatoes.—These should be watched that Please find inclosed \$2 to pay for my paper for the running stems do not root in the ground, the next two years.—Captain Jacob Miller, Mays-Sweet Pointoes. - These should be watched that which, if altowed, will weaken the main crop | ville, Ky.

of roots. They should be gone over occasionally and the vines removed a little from their, position; in this respect the rooting of the vines have much the same influence on the crop that the rooting of strawberry runners

Flower Garden. Dahlias.-These flower best when not put in very early, so that they may be induced to flower towards fail. Roots may now be planted and do better than those put in the ground Gladiolus.-This is one of the most satisfac-

planted will be greatly assisted by mulching few bulbs are set out at intervals of a week or over their roots, and for this purpose there is so apart, the flowering season will be much exmanure. It is better to apply this mulching | Tigridias.-This old summer flowering bulb now than earlier, as when applied at planting | is better known as the Tiger flower, but is now time it has the effect of keeping the ground almost forgotten. The flowers, individually,

ages the growth of roots, but as the season ad- Lately a new light-colored kind has been inretaining moisture in so far that it prevents-or, | Coleus .- The best way of growing these ornaat least, modifies-surface evaporation. If the mental foliaged plants is to set them in beds trees were not cut back sufficiently at the time and keep them well trimmed. We rather disof planting, and are now producing weak like this formal method of treatment, but find growths, they may yet be cut back, which will | that when they are allowed to grow without trimming that the shoots are liable to be It is a well-established fact that pruning | broken off during heavy wind and rain storms

roots are much abridged, and it is found that it most satisfactory plan is to set them about one will fare better when the branches are also foot apart in a bed, and clip them about once a shortened, which helps to restore the balance | week, thus forming a low, massive, compact bed of various colored foliage. The peach trees, so far as we have been able | Petunias .- If we were confined to one flowerto observe, have set a very heavy crop of fruit. | ing annual plant, we would probably select the Much of this will drop before the stoning pro- petunia. It is free of flowers, which give up cess has passed, but where the finest fruit is a delightful fragrance towards nightfall. They

of thinning the crop, and where but a few trees | broken fine as soon as the ground dries suffiare grown for family use, the result from thin- ciently after a rain. A fine soil on the surface prevents evaporation of moisture and keeps When blight appears upon apple or pear the under stratum from drying out. Before trees it is good practice to cut off the diseased | watering flower beds, make the soil loose by branches at once and burn them. The advice | breaking it up with a hoe, and saturate thorto cut up and destroy all trees that show oughly; sprinkling a little water on the sur-

Laun.-In ordinary seasons the grass should dom attacked, and we have known trees which | be mown once a week; if the weather is very were so severely blighted as to reduce them to dry, once in ten days may suffice. Even if the more stumps to recover and soon make per- surroundings are not in the best condition, a feet trees. It seldom, happens, however, that | well-kept, smoothly-shaven, thick, green lawn

> STRAWBERRY CULTURE. To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Now we have at last arrived at what you mean by keeping off strawberry runners. Instead of keeping these runners off, as one would suppose your advice to indicate, it is something else entirely different that is alluded to. I will after the fruit has formed that it should be not admit that the rules laid down in the following paragraph does keep runners off a plantation, but that it merely limits the width of the row, being no more, no less, than the period of the swelling and ripening of the fruit same old-fashioned, very practical, entirely oftentimes renders these crops of but compara- profitable manner of strawberry culture: "Cirtively little value. Where a plentiful supply | cular cutters are fixed on the cultivator, which of water is available for irrigation, an applica- cut the runners as the rows are cultivated." tion of guano on the surface, stirred into the | That is all right; only allow me to say that soil, then well washed in with water, will this does not mean keeping the runners off, and is not the subject of my discussion at all. What I alluded to, objected to, and condemed for field culture, and called a foolish waste of time and money, was the actual system of going to each and every plant, be it one acre or twenty, and removing each and every runner as fast as it appears, which could be only done with the fingers; and if one had thirty or forty thousand plants to treat in that way, -say once a week, which would be necessary to keep down the runners,-then I feel justified in claiming it would be a foolish waste of time and money, and also utterly impracticable. To sum up in a few words, your position is the same as mine. We both advocate the same principle and grow our berries after the manner of all good cultivators, only there is this slight difference: you grow in a narrower matted row than I do, and that is much different from hill culture; for your machine will not cut the runners between plants, only at sides, unless you run it each way; and even then you don't remove all the runners, but merety cut them back to where you draw the cutter through. I have not the space to present my views on propagation of plants, but will only say that buyers will not pay the price we should be obliged to charge for potted plants, and to propagate 200,000 to 500,000 new plants every year, as many of us do, for sale, we should be obliged to carry too much idle capital invested without sufficiently loosening the soil. As run- in pots and the extra expense of propogating plants in them, to make it profitable. In a word, we have to grow plants so we can sell them at low rates, as competition is very active. Mr. Editor, allow me to thank you for treating me so gentlemanly and kindly, and I assure you that I respect your courtesy in full. CHAS. S. ROWLEY. LACON, ILLS.

> QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Will you inform me through TRE TRIBUNE how

Ans. As the runners begin to form, and just before they make roots, small pots filled with earth are inserted by scoping out a receptacle It is poor policy to put in crops of vegetables for them under the plants, which are then laid and then neglect to give them proper cultiva- on the soil in the pots, and held down by a tion. Where space can be spared, such as on clod or pebble to keep the plant in place until it takes root, which it will soon do. When the pots are filled with roots the plants may be removed, turned out of the pots, and planted for fruiting. The advantage is that the plants and for all crops which do not have masses of bles them to form good stools before winter spreading rosts near the surface they cannot and produce a crop the following season. We be replaced by any other implement. This have seen crops at the rate of 150 bushels to an light subsoiler does not disturb the surface, but acre produced in this way. The labor involved lossens the soil for some considerable depth, a is comparatively slight when compared with the valuable consideration in all cultivated soils, certainty of establishing a plantation-at least, more particularly those of a clayey nature. to those who are expert in these manipula-One of the advantages of this deep stirring of tions. Of late years quite a large trade has sprung up in the preparation and sale of potted strawberry plants, and many hundreds deeply loosened retain a larger amount of of thousands are yearly disposed of. It is well moisture than undrained and uncultivated to keep in view that when a plant is turned out of a pot with a ball of roots and set out in Bests and Parsnips .- If these have come up loose ground the earth must be firmy packed irregularly, from whatever cause, the blanks around it. Many failures occur from neglect of

What is this new plan of growing strawberries in barrels, said to be invented by some one in

Ans. The method consists in boring inch and a half or two inch holes all over the barrel about eight or ten inches apart, and as it is Quaker" BRICK MACHINE. - Send for Cirabout eight or ten inches apart, and as it is being filled with earth young strawberry plants are inserted into these holes, the roots nicely spread and covered with soil, and the top of the plant garaishing the outside of the barrel. Asperagus.—It is not well to cut asparagus It is quite an old plan of growing things, espeand has often been figured in rural publications.

in New Jersey so as to afford a heavy crop to I have a pear tree twenty feet high and two feet in circumference at the ground, and it has never borne any fruit or had any blossoms on it.

Ans. In all probability the tree is growing lifted, planted closely together, and covered so freely in rich ground that it forms no flower with leaves or straw. In this way we have buds. Cut away a portion of the roots, bending

cease cultivation and sow the land down in Please inform J. B. Chester that if he wants to make planting black walnuts a business, and will write to me, I will direct him to a country where

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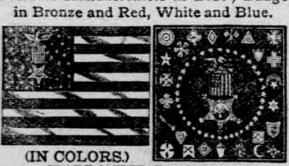
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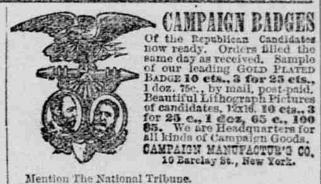
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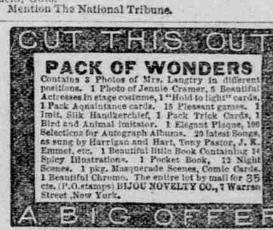
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